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SUBJECT: INITIAL FRG COMMENT ON TINDEMANNS REPORT

1. FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT JAN. 7 BRIEFING RE TINDEMANNS REPORT ON EC (UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION): "THE FRG REGARDS THIS REPORT AS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC PLAN FOR EUROPE. THE FRG WILL WORK TO ASSURE THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS REPORT WITHIN EC BODIES PRODUCES FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE IMPULSES FOR EUROPE. MINISTER-PRESIDENT TINDEMANNS-VIEW THAT FORWARD STEPS SHOULD BE PROPOSED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN AREAS WHERE THEY ARE REALIZABLE MERITS FULL

SUPPORT." HE LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT MIGHT ISSUE SEPARATE STATEMENT ON REPORT, ADDING THAT CABINET WILL REVIEW IT IN PREPARATION FOR LATER DISCUSSION IN EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

2. ASKED TO COMMENT ON FACT THAT TINDEMANNS HAD NOT HELD TO GOAL OF REALIZING EUROPEAN UNION IN 1980, GRUENEWALD SAID THIS "CORRESPONDS TO REALISTIC ASSESSMENT THAT ONE SHOULD NOT REPEATEDLY SET FIRM DATE, BUT LEAVE IT TO FURTHER EVENTS TO DECIDE WHEN EUROPEAN UNION CAN BE REALIZED."

3. ASKED WHETHER THE FRG BELIEVED THAT A EUROPE WITHOUT COMMON DEFENSE IS "INCOMPLETE" AND THAT EUROPE SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE DEFENSE, GRUENEWALD REPLIED "THAT WAS AND WILL REMAIN THE VIEW OF THE FRG."

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